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Q. *I wonder if you can tell me what happened to Sam Bowers, who used to be the Imperial Wizard of the Ku Klux Klan in Mississippi?—T.P., Laurel, Miss.*

A. Samuel Bowers and six others were convicted by an all-white jury in 1967 of depriving citizens of their constitutional rights in the shooting to death in 1964 of three civil rights workers, Michael Schwerner, 23; James Chaney, 21, and Andrew Goodman, 20. Bowers was sentenced to a 10-year term in the federal penitentiary. This past March, after serving six years, Bowers was released from McNeil Island federal penitentiary in Washington. He was granted time off for good behavior and placed on probation.